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SUBJECT: EL SALVADOR: DEMARCHE RESPONSE ON COMMUNITY OF  
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¶1. (U) Poloffs met with Mario Rivera, Director of Multilateral Affairs for the Salvadoran Ministry of foreign Affairs (MFA) to raise reftel points. Rivera responded that El Salvador is fully supportive of the US position on the participation in the Community of Democracies.

¶2. (U) Rivera agreed that it was important that full participant status be reserved for fully democratic countries. He also agreed that, in light of developments in the country, it was appropriate that Venezuela not be invited. He further supported the position that Nigeria and Russia be invited only as observers.

¶3. (U) El Salvador has traditionally maintained strong relations with Taiwan, and Rivera confirmed that El Salvador supports "Special Guest" status for Taiwan. In a separate conversation, the MFA confirmed that they would be willing to jointly invite Taiwan to the meeting along with the Czech Republic.

¶4. (U) MFA staffers also confirmed that at least two senior officials from the MFA planned to attend the meeting in November along with the Salvadoran Ambassador to the United States, Rene Antonio Leon. Glazer